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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

J. Allen Shriver

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5,7-9 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2,4,6,10,12 and 13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 May 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/16/05; 8/18/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. **Claims 1, 3, 7, 9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Headley (US Patent 1,664,858).** Headley discloses a scooter (See Fig. 1) comprising a front wheel (19); a front wheel mount assembly (See Fig. 2) onto which the front wheel is rotatably mounted; a carriage (11) joined to the front wheel mount; at least one rear wheel (25) mounted on said carriage; a dual pivot stay (33,34) having a first end pivotally mounted on said carriage and a second end pivotally mounted on said front wheel mount assembly, wherein said carriage is attached to said front wheel mount such that it can fold against the mount (See Fig. 3), thereby

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bringing the front wheel closer to the at least one rear wheel; [claim 3] wherein said at least one rear wheel includes two rear wheels (See Fig. 7); [claim 7] wherein said two rear wheels have axles (24) above a platform of said carriage; [claim 9] wherein said carriage is U shaped (See Fig. 2).

Regarding claim 11, Headley discloses said mount assembly having a stop face at a base of said mount assembly; and the carriage joined to the front wheel mount assembly such that it abuts said stop face (when the front wheel mount is folded it abuts against the carriage, therefore, Headley inherently teaches a stop face.)

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. **Claims 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Headley (US Patent 1,664,858) in view of Altschul et al. (US Patent 6,460,866 B1).** Headley discloses the scooter as set forth above, but does not disclose including straps attached to said carriage such that said device may be worn as a backpack. Altschul et al. discloses providing straps (120) attached to said carriage such that said device may be worn as a backpack. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in this art to provide straps on the carriage disclosed in Headley in view of the teaching of Altschul et al. The

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motivation for doing so would have been to allow the scooter to be carried by the user when not being rode by the user.

Regarding claim 8, Headley does not disclose wherein said carriage includes an internal storage area. Altschul et al. discloses providing an internal storage area (40) for a scooter. At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to a person ordinary skill in this art to provide an internal storage area for the scooter disclosed in Headley in view of the teaching of Altschul et al. The motivation for doing so would have been to allow the user to store items, such as keys, in the internal storage area while riding the scooter.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 2, 4, 6, 10 and 12-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. The prior art made of record in the accompanying PTO Form 892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Allen Shriver whose telephone number is (571) 272-6698. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 6:30 am-6:00 pm and Tuesday 6:30 am-11:00 am.

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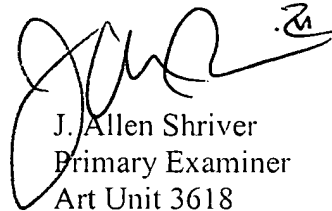
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris P. Ellis can be reached on (571) 272-6914. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1113.

As of May 1, 2003, any response to this action should be mailed to:

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